



April 13, 2005

Steve Strahan, Agri Industry Budget Mgr.
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Re: Advisory Opinion # 483-05-02

Dear Mr. Strahan:

This letter is in response to your request for an advisory opinion in accordance with §19-11-715(b) of the Arkansas Code Annotated of 1987. Your request for an advisory opinion is based on the following facts:

- a) Anthony Sullivan, doing business as Sullivan Custom Agriculture Services, recently bid on and was awarded a contract by ADC for ground application of chemicals
- b) Michael W. Sullivan, brother of the contractor, is a Food Production Mgr. in the Cummins kitchen, but is not involved in purchasing or the Agriculture Division.
- c) You are requesting an advisory opinion to determine if completion of the contract will create an ethical problem.

Michael W. Sullivan has no connection with the procurement nor is he in any position to directly or indirectly influence the contract. Accordingly, there is no ethical conflict and the procurement may proceed.

This advisory opinion is issued in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated §19-11-715(b) and compliance with the above course of conduct is deemed to constitute compliance with the ethical standards of the Act and Executive Order #98-04.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Weiss
Director

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